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Applicant: SEKINE, Chizu et al. Conf.:  
Appl. No.: NEW Group:  
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For: COMPOUND HAVING PHENYLACETYLENE STRUCTURE,  
LIQUID CRYSTAL COMPOSITION, POLYMER,  
OPTICALLY ANTISOTROPIC PRODUCT, OPTICAL  
OR LIQUID CRYSTAL ELEMENT,  
DIBENZOTHIOPHENE COMPOUND, INTERMEDIATE,  
AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

February 8, 2002

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

a' 14. (Amended) A liquid crystal composition comprising: the compound of claim 2, the polymer of claim 10, the polymer of claim 12 or a mixture thereof; and at least one monomer compound other